

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 5-10 and 29-33. In addition, Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 2, and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The pending claims are presently 1, 2, 5-10, 22-23, and 29-35, of which claims 1 and 5 are independent. Applicants have amended the claims to incorporate allowed claim 21 into claim 1, thus putting claim 1 into condition for allowance. Applicants also submit that claims 2, 22-23, and 34-35 ultimately depend from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable. Claim 5, along with claims 6-10, and 29-33, have already been allowed, thereby accounting for all pending claims.

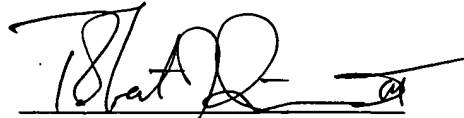
Applicants have canceled the remaining claims for prosecution in a later application, and do not concede the Examiner's rejections.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants submit that the application is in good and proper form for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 312-913-3305.

Respectfully submitted,

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